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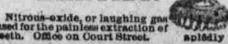
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WASHINGTON DISPATCHES

SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

The Senate's Finance Sub-Committee, After Two Years, Has Devised a Plan Proceedings-Committee on Eules.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-The senate finance sub-comittee has after nearly two years work ended its wearisome task of divising a plan to prevent under valuations and to secure simplicity and uniformity in appraising values and collecting duties. The bill as forwarded by Senators Allison, Aldrich, Morrill, Beck and McPherson will be reported to the full committee, and will probably be reported to the senate without further delay, approved by the whole com- they will lose their reason.

It is a measure of twenty odd sections and practically a revision and codification returning to the jail. of the system of invoice entry appraisement and assessment of imports as it has grown office of four general appraisers and create a tribunal of nine general appraisers in dig-penalty. nity and salary equal to the nine circuit judges of the United States. Their appointment is to be by the president, confirmed by the senate and they will hold the office practically for life. There are to be stationed in New York and are to be constantly in ses-sion. The other six will be stationed as the secretary of the treasury may direct, probably one in each of the following ports, namely: Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, San Francisco and Chicago. It will be their duty to supervise and determine the classification and rates of customs duty as well as the appraisment of values. The office of merchant appraiser is abolished. If the local and general appraiser agree their judgment is final; if they disagree then the question will be referred to the New York board or to a board convened by the order of the secretary. Their decision will be

The Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.- In the senate to-day the report of Treasury Agent Tingle on the Alaska seas fisheries was received. Mr. Blair made a favorable and unanimous report from the committee on education and labor on the educational bill.

Mr. Palmer introduced a bill to provide for the suppression of contagious diseases of cattle, and to facilitate the exportation of live stock.

Mr. Sawyer renewed his mation to reconsider the vote by which the senate authorized the appointment of a special committee on postal telegraphy.

tricts portion of Montana to Idaho.

Among the bills favorably reported was one to forfeit lands granted to Michigan for a railroad from Ontonogon to the Wisconsin state lin ..

session of congress until remedial measures looking to the reduction of the reserve had

been passed. In the course of his remarks, Mr. Pugh 000 dollars of whisky tax was perfectly just; the cry that the tax on whisky should be abolished came from the manufacturers. not the drinkers of it; as a general comparison, he would repeal the tax on tobacco; he would put raw wool, chemicals and salt, but not iron, on the free list. He closed with complimenting the president's message.

Mr. Pugh held the floor for two hours and a half and when he closed the resolution was laid on the table.

At 4 o'clock the senate, on motion of Mr. Cookrell went into secret session and ten minutes later adjourned until to-morrow.

The Nominations of Lamar and Vilas. Washington, Dec. 20. - The nominations of Messra. Lamar, to be a justice of the supreme court of the United States, and Vilas, to be secretary of the interior, will go over until after the holidays. There was a meeting of the senate committee on judiciary to-day for the purpose of reconsidering these nominations. All members of the committee were present except Mr. Evarts. The political record of Mr. Lamar was pretty thoroughly discussed, Mr. Pugh defending it and speaking at length. When the hour set for adjournment came the discussion was not finished, and it was agreed that this and the nomination of Mr. Vilas should go over to January. The nomination of Mr. Lamar is in charge of a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Edmunds,

Hoar and Pugh.

Chamberlain Starts to Ottawa. Washington, Dec. 20-Mr. Joseph Chamberlain left Washington for New York at 9:40 this morning, en route to Ottawa, where he will spend Christmas and New Year with Lord Lansdowne. Mr. Chamberlain was accompanied by his private and official secretaries, and by two "gentlemen friends"

Walking Match Score.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 20.-The six-day walking match for the championship of the world and the Police Gazette diamond belt ended last night with the following score: Shekel, 455 miles; Nolan, 451 miles; Smith, 466 miles; Whitmore, 456.1 miles; Huff, 447.4 miles; Ross, 372.5 miles.

ANOTHER HANGING.

James Robinson Convicted of Murder in

the First Degree at Ravenna. RAVENNA, O., Dec. 20.—At 2:15 p. m. Sunday the jury in the case of James Robnson, on trial for the murder of Detective William Hulligan, announced that they had agreed upon a verdict. The court was immediately notified, and all being assembled to Prevent Undervaluation - Senate at 5:30 James Robinson, the prisoner, well guarded and followed by his anxious relatives, entered the court room to learn his The verdict was: "We find the defendant, James Robinson, guilty of murder

in the first degree."
"Oh, my God!" screamed both of Robinson's sisters springing to their feet and fall-ing upon the neck of their brother, sobbing in such anguish that even the jurymen were moved to tears. Robinson was deathly pale but otherwise calm, and endeavored to soothe the heart-broken women. They were removed with difficulty, and it is feared

I am as innocent of that crime as any man in the court room," said Robinson when

Robinson is the third man convicted of murder in the first degree for the death of up for eighty odd years. It will aboush the Detective Hulligan. Coughlin and Morgan are the other two men awaiting the death

BEN. HO KINS' CASE POSTPONED.

Illness of Mrs. Judge Sage Puts the Trial off Until January 10. CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.-The Hopkins Fi-

delity bank case was to have been resumed to-morrow, but the illness of Judge Sage's wife will necessitate a further postponement until January 10. E. L. Harper will testify in all the Fidelity bank cases. Presecutor Burnet secured Harper's consent when in Columbus recently. Harper will be here when Hopkins' trial reopens,

"There is a mistaken notion," said Expert Hays this morning, "that over \$1,000,000 of the Fidelity money has never been accounted for. The fact is that every dollar has been traced. Harper was a great borrower from other sources. Just what amount he had 'salted' away I would not care to say. It is safe to state, however, that a gambler like Harper would play up to the limit and put his last dollar into the deal." It is stated that Mra E. L. Harper, besides owning the residence on Fourth street, in this city, has \$30,000 in United States bonds and a large amount of land in

A Mill on a Hill.

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 20 .- In Whiting, Washington county, lives an old fellow named Gunther, who has long been known as a crank. He recently completed, after months of hard work, and at considerable expense, a saw and grist mill upon the sum-For sale, 120 acres of land in a high state of enlitivation, situated on the Strode's Run pike near Clark's Station, on Maysville and Lexington R. R., five or six miles from Maysville, Ry. There is on this farm a good two-story brick house containing six rooms, kitchen and servant's room and good cellar. A good clstern, a large milk house about thirty steps from kitchen, with a splendld spring of never-falling water. Also a large basement stock and tobacco barn, ice house and small tecant house; good pool, large pond and a never-failing spring in pasture. There are fifteen acres in wheat and the balance of the land is well set in grass. Most of this farm is good tobacco and hemp land. For terms, &c., apply to L. F. Long, on the premises, or GEORGE W. SULSER, n24dlm Maysville, Ky. mit of a lofty hill. On the side of the buildthe state of Nebraska into the judicial dis- he has not asked for any rain yet. He thinks the neighbors will all be converted in time. Mr. Cullom introduced a bill to annex a and meanwhile the mill on the hill will serve as a landmark.

Robbed on a Coweatcher.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20. - While engine No. 939, on the Union Pacific railroad, was Mr. Pugh introduced a resolution declar- crassing the bridge between here and Couning it to be the first duty of congress to re- cil Bluffs Saturday night, the engineer saw vise and reduce the internal and tariff taxes a man fall from the cowcatcher head foreto the expenses of the government, in a most to the rocks below. Two other men manner affording needed protection to sprang from the cowcatcher and landed American labor and manufacturers. Upon safely on the trestle-work. The engine was this resolution Mr. Pugh proceeded to make stopped and the train men went to the man's assistance. The man was identified as Mr. Pugh's resolution declared that the Frank Novatany, a mechanic employed in senate should not concar in any joint resolu-tion for the final adjourment of the present jured that he died soon after. A gold watch he had worn and some money he was known to have is missing. It is supposed that the two men persuaded him to steal a ride to the bluffs, and while on the bridge said it was his firm conviction that \$90,000 - robbed him and then pushed him off the cowcatcher.

Seven Black Crows.

SEA GIRT, N. J., Dec. 20.—The bark Scotland, Capt. William Munro, from Liverpool to New York, stranded here shortly before midnight Saturday night, Although the vessel lies inside the bar, and has six feet of water in her hold, the chances of hauling her off are favorable if the weather continues good. During the voyage an event happened, which the sailors said was a sure portent of disaster. When about fifteen days out, and about eight hundred miles from shore, a flock of seven crows swooped down on the vessel, and despite the efforts of the seamen to drive them off, bagan devouring the food which had been set for the men. The vessel was loaded with sods ash and empty oil barrels. All hands were taken off in safety.

Don't Want Foreign Coal.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Central Labor union Sunday refused to pass a resolution, favoring free admission of foreign coal "to protect the American people from the grasping greed of the coal barons," The resolution was tabled after a long disoussion. A resolution demanding that congrees tax imported barrels used by the Standard Oil company was referred to the law committee.

Owner of the Minneapols Clab.

Sr. Paul, Minn., Dec. 20. -It transpires that the backer of W. E. Gooding, who the other day purchased the franchise of the Minnsapolis base ball team for \$7,000, is P. H. Kelly, the St. Paul millionaire and Democratic leader. Manager Gooding has signed Cushman, who pitched for Milwaukee last year, and Stockwell, the St. Paul catcher of 1887.

Ten Horses Burned to Death. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.-An overheated tove set fire to a wooden building, No. 544 West Twenty-second street, early this morning, and before it was extinguished destroyed that building and communicated to an adjoining stable and caused the death of ten horses, valued at \$4,000, and owned by F. L. Moyer. The damage to the buildings is about \$3,000.

DESTRUCTIVE CYCLONE.

SIX PEOPLE KILLED AND A NUMBER OF OTHERS INJURED.

Three Villages in the Indian Territory and a Vast Amount of Other Property Destroyed-A List of the Casualties as Far as Known-Rate of the Wind.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 20 .- A special from Cove, Polk county, reports that a destructive cyclone visited Armstrong Academy, Indian Territory, Fort Washita and Green at an early hour on Saturday morning, causing great destruction and loss of life. The following are the casualties as far

French Adams, United States army, Washita, killed.

A. B. Lincoln, Washita, killed. Henderson Jack, Green, killed.

Peter Reson, Green, killed. Two children, names unknown, killed. William Covington, Armstrong Academy, both legs broken.

Henry Wait, Washita, arm and leg broken. Mrs. Wait, Washita, arm broken.

A terrific rumbling sound was heard about 5 o'clock. It started a few settlers from their sleep, only to awake them to the horror of impending death.

A heavy, black cloud, funnel-shaped, was seen in the distance and rapidly approach-ing. When about a mile north of Fort Washita it struck the ground, and from this point south for miles the work of ruin was

The cyclone traveled at about the rate of a mile a minute. In an instant from the time it struck the earth half the houses in Fort Washita were in ruins. Light outhouses and dwellings were picked up and made into kindling wood by the fury of the wind. Armstrong academy was not greatly injured, but ranchers in the immediate neighborhood suffered greatly.

At Green, a little hamlet six miles south of Armstrong, the damage was very heavy; and many persons were injured. Seventeen houses and a general store were carried away bodily, while horses and cattle, within the territory covered by the storm king, were killed or maimed. The damage at this time cannot, of course be estimated, as the full extent of the storm is not

The two children killed at Green were carried about sixty yards by the wind and dashed to the ground, mangled so as to be almost unrecognizable.

Many cattle and other stock were also killed by lightning. The storm only lasted about six minutes at any one point.

SIMILAR TO SENATOR JONES.

St. Louisan's Wild Infatuation of a Lady of That City.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.-The Republican Sunday published a sensational story affecting two prominent St. Louisans, which is similar to the love affair of Senator Jones in Detroit, It seems that Gen. O. P. Gooding became infatuated recently with Mrs. Grace January, one of the bandsomest and wealthiest young widows of St. Louis, and that he now fondly believes, and has so announced to his intimate friends, that she reciprocates the feeling, and that all that stands in the way of their marriage is the rivalry and jealousy of two or three of his political enemies. He has threatened, in fact, to shoot one of them, William H. Mayo, secretary of the state Democratic central committee.

Mayo, in fact, is his friend, as are the other supposed enemies, and they say the general is off his box, and that the whole matter grew out of a little playful twitting of the general on account of a compliment the lady was reported to have once paid him. The lady herself states that the general has twice called at her residence to see her, but that she refuses to see him, and never wished to meet him. Her late husband was Jesse January, president of the St. Louis Jockey club, and he left her 30,000 shares of Granite Mountain mining stock. which now brings her nearly \$100,000 a year income. Gen. Gooding is an ex-major in the regular army and an ex-brigadier in the Union volunteer army. He is a bachelor, about fifty-four years old, and a lawyer by profession. He is a member of the local police board, having received the appointment from Governor Marmaduke, a fellowclass-mate at West Point.

COURT HOUSE BURNED.

All the Records of a County in Kentucky Gone Into Ashes.

MAYFIELD, Ky., Dec. 20 .- Graves county court house was burned at 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning, and all the records of this large county are in ashes. The fire was of incendiary origin. Mayfield has no fire apparatus and nothing could be done to save the structure. The inside was a mass of flames before it was discovered, and scarcely a book or paper could be recovered. The house has had no vault up to the present, the new vault being only com-

pleted and ready for occupancy next Tuesday, hence all records were exposed. The house was built twenty years ago at a cost of \$60,000, and had just been repaired at a cost of \$5,000. There was an insurance of only \$10,000, in the London & Lancashire and North American companies. Graves is a large county and there is a

great deal of litigation on hand. Papers dating back to the organization of the county were destroyed. The conviction of incendiarism is well settled, and the county judge offers a reward of \$500 for the apprebension of the criminal. Numerous motives are assigned for the deed, but there is no clew. Citizens of the place are greatly excited and should the incendiary be discovered and positive proof be adduced an expense of trial will doubtless be dispensed

New Your, Dec. 20.-The crews of three wrecked vessels were on the steamer Cienefugos, which arrived yesterday from Nassau. They were Captain Vergue and S. French, sailors from the French bark Prima Donna, nine sailors from the Norwegian bark New York, and the crew of the Nor-wegian brig Fiorence I. Henderson. The Prims Donna was wrecked and the other two were wrecked in West India waters. The crows of all three vessels arrived safely at Nassau, where some of them embarked in the Cienofugos.

DESERVED DEATH.

But It Came In a Most Violent and Law-

less Form-A Georgia Lynching. QUITMAN, Ga., Dec. 20. -Saturday night a large band of armed and masked men entered the town and demanded the jail keys for the purpose of getting John Porter, a negro, who had been imprisoned the day before. The jailer stoutly resisted, when several shots were fired at him, one of them taking effect. The jail door was then battered down, the prisoner secured, and the party disappeared. Sunday morning at a point three miles from town the body of the negro was found hanging from a tree limb. Over a hundred builet holes were pierced through it, presenting a ghastly

John Porter, on Friday night, went to the house of a respectable white citizen, whom he knew to be absent, and attempted an outrage upon his wife. The lady drove him out of the house and barred the door against him. Porter deliberately set to work piling up kindling under the house, to which he applied a match and watched his work until the house was in flames. He then ran, but was intercepted by some neighbors who were hurrying to the fire. They resisted the temptation to lynch him then, and brought him to jail at this place. He was a negro of desperate reputation.

School Boys Flogged in Public.

Sr. Louis, Dec. 20.—In the town of Washington, fifty miles west of this city, three boys, George Dworick and Gus and Eddie Schoengardt, were arrested a few days ago for petit larceny. They were found guilty by Justice Hogenbusch, but in consideration of the fact that they come of good families he affixed a punishment without precedent in the state. The parents of the boys pleaded hard for them, and the judge finally ordered a nominal fine imposed, provided the parents would publicly flog the boys in the court house square. The fathers agreed, and Friday about one thousand persons assembled on the square and saw the fathers flog the boys soundly. All the schools took a recess, and the children were invited to be present and profit by the moral example. The children were marshaled by their teachers. One of the culprits stood the drubbing without a murmur, but the yells of the other pair could be heard two blocks away.

Ryan Wants to Fight Cardiff.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 20.—John Donaldson is in receipt of a letter from Paddy Ryan, who is now in California, asking if there would be any prospect of getting on a fight with Cardiff, if he should come to Minneapolis on his way east. In his letter Ryan says that if Kilrain bests Smith for the world's championship he proposes to challenge him for a fight to a finish for the championship and for from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a side, stake money. Ryan claims to be the next best man to Sullivan in America. Cardiff has not made up his mind whether he would meet Ryan or not. It is quite probably, however, that a twelve or fifteen round contest, with small gloves, were be arranged to take place at the Washington rink in January.

Unseaworthy Bear. New York, Dec 20.-A San Francisco special to the World says that the revenue steamer Bear, which was purchased by the government four years ago in England for \$150,000 and had \$30,000 worth of improvents added prior to being sent on the Greely expedition, is now docked at Oakland Creek, Cal., thoroughly rotten, except the outer sheeting. The vessel was examined prior to purchase by a board of naval experts, who recommended her as sound and seaworthy. At the time of the Greely relief expedition it was reported that the Bear was the strongest vessel afloat.

Frightful Domestic Tragedy.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 20.-S. S. Crandall, formerly lawyer and real estate broker in Troy, to-day shot his wife, his mother-in-law, Mrs. S. S. S one; his stepdaughter, Julia Bulkly, and himself, at their home in Ballston Sp .. All are dead but his wife, and she is dying. He had a controversy with his wife over money matters. His wife was the divorced wife of Crandall's former legal associate. Crandall was once candidate for sheriff in Washington county and defaulted He was extravagent in his habits. His wife had money, and the quarrel was over its control.

A Twelve-Round Fight.

ASHLAND, Wis., Dec. 20. - At a private mill in a barn seven miles from here, "Black" Frank, of this city, and Dewner, champion middleweight of Wisconsin, fought twelve rounds with skin gloves for a purse of \$200. The fighting was stubborn and hard for the entire time, with no decided advantage for either. Dewner fouled Black in the twelfth round by tripping him and then deliberately falling on him, while the referee was trying to part them. This ended the contest, which was for the mid-

dleweight championship.

Bail Playing at San Francisco. San Francisco, Dec. 20. - A wonderfully fine day, even for San Francisco, attracted 6,000 people to Central Park, Sunday, to see the Chicago nine slaughter the St. Louis Browns. The Chicago batters treated Foutz as if he had been an amateur, and the score stood: Chicago 17, St. Louis 3. At the Haight street grounds the New York team beat the Greenhoods with Van Hal tren in the box. His support was Williams and the New Yorkers won with ridiculous ease. Score: New York 6, Greenhoods 1.

Killed With a Sword.

SELMA, Ala., Dec. 20. -One, W. Jordan, claiming to be an ordained prophet of God. went to the house of Frances Driver Sunday and murdered her in cold blood with a sword. He said God told him in a dream to sacrifice the woman and he obeyed. The news of the murder spread like wildfire, and soon a multitude assembled determined to lynch Jordan, but the police interfered. Jordan was arrested and failed.

A Wheat Fire.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 20. — Laitch Brothers' mill at Oak Lane was burned last night, together with 10,000 bushels of wheat. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$12,000.

Bogus Pension Agent Arrested. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 20. - James Douglass, a colored bogus pension agent, is under arrest here. He has operated in

different cities.